Avoiding Being a Compromising Church

Going Deeper:

Consider what Jesus says about the "sword of his mouth" (Rev. 2:12, 16) and compare with Hebrews 4:12.

- As followers of Jesus, how are we supposed to use this 'sword'? What value does it have for us?
- What is the danger of ignoring or resisting this 'sword'? Share some of the ways you tend to do this in your life.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

- According to this passage, what is the value of our new identity in Christ?
- On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being 'terrible' and 10 being 'perfect'), how well do you think you are doing at being Jesus' ambassador?
- Share one area of struggle, where you are tempted to compromise. What fears do you have about living according to God's truth in this area?

How do we live holy lives and yet also show godly love to one another? Read 1 Peter 2:11-12, Galatians 2:20, and 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13.

- Compare these passages what are some nuggets of wisdom found here that help us as we search for the balance between love and truth?
- What is the difference between making a spiritual compromise that is wrong, versus changing our actions so that we are hitting a better balance of truth and love?

Taking it Home:

• Think of one area you struggle with compromising; share this with a close friend and ask them to pray for you this week.